

## **City of Gaithersburg Press Release**

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## For Immediate Release

## Gaithersburg Summer Camp Registration Begins March 1 for City Residents, Open Registration Begins March 8

Gaithersburg, MD (February 17, 2021) Registration for Gaithersburg's popular summer camp programs opens on March 1 for City of Gaithersburg residents. Open registration starts March 8. They're held at convenient locations throughout the City, including schools in the Kentlands/Lakelands area and youth centers in the heart of Olde Towne. Note that MCPS locations are subject to change based on school availability. COVID-19 safety protocols according to state and county regulations are in place to provide a safe environment for participants. Visit the City's website for updates.

Full-day elementary and middle school camps will operate in one-week sessions from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., late June through early August. Extended hours are included in the cost of registration. This summer's offerings also include a mini camp for five and six year olds, and specialty camps and sports clinics for youth and teens.

The primary goal of Gaithersburg Summer Camp programs is to offer a safe and positive environment for campers to develop social and physical skills, self-confidence and to just have fun. To minimize both the possible spread and exposure to COVID-19, camp participants and staff are required to take the following precautions:

- Face masks must be worn indoors at all times, and outdoors when at least 6-feet of physical distance cannot be maintained.
- Campers and staff will not mix groups.
- Frequent hand washing and sanitizing will be required.
- Shared spaces and activity equipment will be cleaned between groups.
- Continual cleaning of high touch areas will occur throughout all of our facilities.
- Daily health screenings of all staff and campers will be taken prior to arrival or during drop off.

Please note, due to the ever changing conditions we are currently experiencing, all matters of this camp season are subject to change. Gaithersburg's Summer Camp programs are licensed by the Maryland Department of Health.

An engaging <u>volunteer</u> and <u>workforce development program</u> is available for youth ages 16 and older to assist in the City's summer programs. Youth must apply and undergo an interview process to be selected as a volunteer or intern. The City is also seeking qualified applicants ages 18 and older to work during the summer.

Applicants should enjoy working with young people and be talented in arts, music and/or sports. Job openings are posted on the <u>Job Opportunities page</u> on the City's website at <u>www.gaithersburgmd.gov</u>.

Registration for City of Gaithersburg residents begins March 1. Open registration begins March 8. Registrations can be processed online at <a href="https://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/recxpress">www.gaithersburgmd.gov/recxpress</a> or in person by appointment only at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park, 506 S. Frederick Avenue, next to Gaithersburg High School.

Payment plans are available for select programs prior to May 31, and City residents who qualify may apply for financial assistance for eligible programs prior to registration. For complete details, explore the camp pages on the City's <u>website</u>. Printed guides will be available at City facilities in late February.

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